GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided the sum as demanded by the Himachal Pradesh Government under the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Based on the allocation criteria prescribed under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme(ARWSP) an amount of Rs. 9663.00 lakhs were allocated to Himachal Pradesh during 2006-07 under ARWSP(Normal) and Rs. 43.86 lakh under ARWSP(DDP). The total allocated amount has been released to the State Government. On 1st February 2007 the State Government has requested for additional funds to the tune of Rs. 54.09 crore for coverage of 1665 habitations over and above their State allocation. This can only be considered at the end of financial year subject to savings, if any with the Department.

The central allocation under Swajaldhara for 2006-07 is Rs. 1068 lakhs with a project cost of Rs. 1420 lakhs of which Rs. 1065.49 lakhs have already been released as first instalment for 10 districts. State Government has requested for Rs. 2854.02 lakhs additional funds. This would be considered subject to availability of funds.

Under National Rural Drinking Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance Programme, Government of Himachal Pradesh requested for release of Rs. 213.65 lakh. The allocation for 2006-07 is Rs. 149.60 lakhs. The State Government has been asked to submit Utilisation Certificate for Rs. 60.53 lakhs released during 2005-06 for considering release in 2006-07.